



## ***PONDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT***

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### **PONDER ISD EXTENDS CLOSURE THROUGH APRIL 17, 2020**

**Meal Service WILL CONTINUE Monday - Friday 11:00-1:00**

Dear Ponder ISD Community,

Along with area school districts, Ponder ISD has extended its closure through Friday, April 17. Currently, all Ponder ISD schools and facilities are closed.

I met with superintendents from all Denton County public schools and county health officials through a video conference meeting yesterday. We all acknowledged that families need to plan. These are unprecedented times, and we want to provide our families as much notice as possible.

As we are all aware, Denton County Judge Andy Eads issued a stay-at-home order this week to help provide social distancing and to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our county. In support of this mandate, we are asking Ponder ISD families and staff to stay healthy and stay at home.

“The quicker we properly keep our distance, the quicker the kids can return to school and our lives and business can continue,” said Judge Eads at a recent briefing.

Except for specific essential activities, the stay-at-home order requires all Denton County residents to stay at home to protect the most vulnerable members of the community and to prevent the spread of the virus. Essential business and government service workers or residents that perform essential public infrastructure are exempt.

Ponder ISD will continue to provide meals and instructional support during closure as we have communicated previously.

Ponder ISD and other local districts are scheduled to reopen on Monday, April 20. We will continue to follow the recommendations of local health officials and collaborate with other schools to determine whether remaining closed after April 17 will be necessary.

Thank you for your support during this time. The outpouring of community support for our teacher parade on Tuesday was incredible! I have never been more proud to call Ponder my home! Please remember not only is the school here to help but so are our local churches and your neighbors. Working together and following the recommendations of our Denton County leadership and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) will help us all make it through the health emergency and return our lives and activities back to normal.

Sincerely,

Bruce Yeager  
Superintendent of Schools  
Ponder ISD